

## BAN IS PLACED ON WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

**Correspondents Found Using Such System for Transmission of News Will Be Shot as Spies.**

**Vessels Having Apparatus on Board Will Be Seized as Prizes of War.**

## RUSSIA SERVES SUCH NOTICE

**Newspaper Men in Far East May Appeal to Home Governments for Protection Against Unusual Order.**

Washington, April 15.—The Russian government has given notice that newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraph will be treated as spies and shot.

This notice was served on the state department by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, today, and it is understood that similar communications were made to all foreign offices. The text of the communication is as follows:

"I am charged by my government, in order to avoid all misunderstanding, to communicate to your excellency that the lieutenant of his imperial majesty in the far east has just made the following declaration:

"In a case in which neutral steamers having on board foreign correspondents who might communicate war news to the enemy by means of perfected apparatus not being yet foreseen by existing conventions, will be arrested near the coast of Kuan Tong or in the zone of operations of the Russian fleet, the correspondents will be looked upon as spies and the steamers furnished with wireless telegraphy seized as prizes of war."

This notice opens up an entirely new treatment of correspondents. The reference to existing conventions is taken to express belief of the Russian government that if wireless telegraphy had been practiced prior to the Hague declaration concerning implements and practices of war it surely would have prohibited it even in neutral hands. It happens that some of the leading

British newspaper correspondents are making free use of the wireless telegraph transmission of their news, and it is possible that they will appeal to their government to define their status, and to secure an official determination of the question as to whether a neutral on his own ship outside the territorial waters of a belligerent power and without contraband of war aboard can be treated as a spy.

## COMPANY MAKES PROTEST.

**De Forest People Claim the Right to Operate Wireless Telegraphy.**

New York, April 15.—The American De Forest Wireless Telegraph Company has telegraphed to Secretary Hay at Washington in protest against the attitude of the Russian government relative to the use of wireless telegraphy by correspondents in the zone of the war. The protest says: "We claim the right under all international laws to use the high seas for peaceful purposes and demand for our operators who are American citizens and for our property the full protection of the United States government."

## CANAL BILL PASSES.

**Spooner Supports Measure and is Replied to By Mr. Morgan.**

Washington, April 15.—After a day devoted to routine proceedings the senate was treated to a speech by Bailey just before adjournment on the question of civil service. Bailey announced in plain terms that he had no sympathy with the iridescent dream of civil service. He declared that each party should control patronage while in power and vowed himself a spoilsman. Hale was in accordance with much of what Bailey said but thought that congress could not be induced to change the law. The Panama canal bill occupied a major portion of the session and was passed without division. Spooner made a vigorous speech in support of the bill and was replied to by Mr. Morgan.

## PRESIDENT CRITICISED.

**Recent Order Regarding Pension Service Comes Up For Comment.**

Washington April 15.—Consideration of the general deficiency bill was resumed in the house today after a number of minor bills had been passed. The president's recent order regarding service pensions was attacked by Underwood, of Alabama, who contended that there was no warrant in law for it. The president was also criticised by Hay, of Virginia, because of certain suspensions of civil service rules and regulations. The general debate on the deficiency bill will close tomorrow and the bill will be ready for amendment.

## THEORY OF MINE EXPLOSION IN CONNECTION WITH DISASTER BEING ABANDONED

**Russians at Port Arthur Accept as Fact Idea That Battleship Was Destroyed by Japanese Sub-Marine.**

**Known That Little Brown Men Had Two Such Little Vessels But it Was Not Considered Possible That One Would Be Permitted to Go so Far From Protection of Fleet—Believed That Fearful Machine Went to Bottom After Performing Its Work**

Paris, April 15.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent sends an interview which he had with Grand Duke Vladimir, in which Vladimir said: "Here we all believe that the catastrophe to the Petropavlovsk was caused by a Japanese submarine vessel. We knew that the Japanese had two submarine vessels, but we could not imagine they would be mad enough to send such little boats so far from the fleet or that they would even risk them at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor. The submarine which effected the destruction of the battleship must certainly have sunk."

## Japs Retire in Disorder.

London, April 15.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard sends a rumor to the effect that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet escorted a Japanese landing of troops to the westward of the Yalu river. When 12,000 men had been landed Russian troops which were lying concealed, suddenly attacked them, driving them back to the ships with heavy losses in men and guns.

## EMPEROR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

**Fire From Unknown Cause Destroys Palace at Seoul, Korea.**

London, April 15.—The Japanese legation has received the following account of the fire which destroyed the imperial palace at Seoul:

"Fire broke out at 10 o'clock on the evening of April 14. With the exception of the Kiuseiken building, which is built in the European style, all the palace buildings were consumed. The emperor took refuge in the library of the Kiuseiken building. It is believed the fire originated in the heating apparatus of the Kauvel palace, which was undergoing repairs.

According to the Daily Chronicle's Seoul correspondent the fire may have been incendiary, although it is said to have been due to the upsetting of the brazier by a servant.

## REPUBLICANS REPRIMANDED

**Inattention to Business of the House Worries the Managers.**

Washington, April 15.—The non-attendance of the republican members in the house in what are considered the closing days of the session, is causing some vexation to the managers of that body. Circulars were mailed tonight to the republican membership, signed by Representative Tawney, the "republican whip," and issued at the request of Speaker Cannon calling attention in no uncertain language to the necessity of attending to business.

## HUNG UP ON REEF.

**Inland Flyer Meets With Accident on Her First Trip.**

Seattle, April 15.—The steamer Inland Flyer ran onto Reans point reef this morning on her first voyage from Seattle to Bremerton. Her 30 odd passengers were conveyed in life boats to the shore a few yards distant and were later picked up by other vessels of the line. The Flyer hung up until this afternoon when she floated off at high tide. She is not seriously damaged.

## Underwriters Close Books.

New York, April 15.—News from the far east does not improve the market for war risks on steamers for

the ships with heavy losses in men and guns.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—A telegram from Admiral Alexieff from Port Arthur to the emperor says that from 9:15 o'clock this morning to mid day the Japanese fleet in two divisions bombarded the fortress and town alternately from Liao Tshan promontory, firing 185 projectiles. The Russian squadron including the battleship Pobieda, replied from the anchorage by a fierce fire. The batteries also participated.

The loss on land was seven Chinese killed and five soldiers and three Chinese wounded. The Russian warships sustained no damages and there was no loss of life on them.

## Russians Fortify the Yalu.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—A dispatch from Lio Yang says the Russian intrenchments on the Yalu river have been completed. The center of the line of fortified positions is Antung. The right flank rests on the Ta-Tung-Kau and the left flank is on the Kiu-Len-Cheng on the west bank of the Yalu.

Japan, cables the London correspondent of the Times, who adds that there is now comparatively little business doing. Many underwriters who took these risks freely are closing their books as the premiums at the present level hardly allow a margin for paying captures.

## DEMOCRATS CONVENE TODAY

**Hardly Any Doubts But That Straight-Outs Will Triumph.**

The great unwashed will get together this afternoon. Promptly at the hour of 1 the convention will be called to order, and as soon thereafter as possible the fireworks will begin. W. J. Cook, chairman of the county committee, will not be present, as he is out of politics, and the gathering will be called to order by some other member of the committee. B. J. Pye is the universal choice for chairman of the convention and will be elected if he will accept the honor. Interest will center in the report of the committee on order of business, which will recommend either the nomination of a straight ticket or adjournment to meet with the citizens. That the straight ticket will be named is agreed all around, and the straight-outs expect to win without even the formality of a contest. As yet, so far as can be learned, the democrats have been unable to prevail upon any of the faithful to take a chance with Tom Linville for the office of sheriff, and the legislative ticket was shy at last accounts. The leaders said last night there would be no dearth of candidates, however, but that a full ticket would be placed in the field. J. V. Burns is to be one of the legislative candidates, but the name of the other is still a puzzle. George W. Morton is to receive the nomination for treasurer and J. F. Bartoldus will be put up against William Larsen for county commissioner. The democrats have agreed to get through in a hurry, and the convention's business will be concluded in an hour and a half if nothing unforeseen occurs.

## HERO FUND CREATED.

Pittsburg, April 15.—Andrew Carnegie has created a fund to be known as "the hero fund" to consist of \$5,000,000 in the first collateral bonds of the United States Steel Corporation. The scheme of the fund is to aid financially those who have been injured in a heroic effort to save life; or in case of death, to provide for the widow until

she shall remarry, and the children until they shall reach self-supporting age. Grants of money may be made to heroes or heroines. The fund embraced is the United States and Canada and the waters thereof.

## SIWASH SWIMS STREAM.

Fossil, Or., April 15.—For a dollar and a half an Indian performed a deed of daring near here on Wednesday which most men could not be hired to do at any price. The feat which the red man undertook and successfully carried out was to swim the treacherous John Day river, now higher and swifter than for many years and filled with drift. It was at the old Gilliam ferry, where the Fossil Waterman stage crosses the river. For several days past it has not been deemed safe to run the ferry there or at other places on the river because of danger from the drifting logs.

The mail has been sent back and forth in a box suspended from the ferry cable, but Wednesday morning, while the box was on the other side, the rope which is used to pull it across became caught in some drift and was broken and the only means of transportation thereby stopped. But it was not for long because sheep pelts are hard to find in Wheeler county this spring, and consequently a dollar looks big to a siwash. Probably because of this fact Martin Gilman, the mail contractor, was enabled to secure the services of one for the remuneration mentioned at the start. The river is about 150 yards wide at the place and very swift. But after taking off all of his clothing and tying a shirt on top of his head, the Indian plunged in and reached the opposite bank safely less than a quarter of a mile below. He then brought the box over along the cable hand over hand.

## Baseball Scores.

### Pacific Coast.

At Los Angeles—Tacoma 1, Los Angeles 0.

At Fresno—San Francisco 9, Portland 0.

At San Francisco—Oakland 1, Seattle 16.

### American.

At New York—New York 1, Boston 4.

At Washington—Washington 6, Philadelphia 6. Game called in 10th on account of darkness.

### National.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 5.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 5, Chicago 5. Game called in 10th inning on account of darkness.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 0, Boston 6.

At New York—New York 5, Brooklyn 2.

## INQUIRY INTO BATTLESHIP DISASTER

**Real Cause of Explosion on Board Missouri May Never Be Brought to Light, Those Guilty Being Dead.**

**Officers Responsible for Calamity Numbered Among Victims of Their Own Neglect.**

## BODIES GO TO RELATIVES

**Some Already Buried Will Be Disinterred When Called for—Missing Sailor Blown Through Turret.**

Pensacola, Fla., April 15.—The court of inquiry to examine into the cause of the explosion of the battleship Missouri Wednesday, in which 32 officers and men lost their lives reconvened on the battleship today after an adjournment yesterday to attend the funeral services. Admiral Coghlan, of the Caribbean squadron, is president of the court, and the members of the court have been selected as far as possible from vessels of other squadrons. It is not expected, however, that those who are familiar with the circumstances that the court will recommend any proceedings in the case, inasmuch as those who are presumed to be at fault were the turret officers, and they were killed by the explosion.

The bodies of the victims are being sent away as fast as their relatives make the requests. It is expected that some of the sixteen bodies interred yesterday will be disinterred.

There are no developments today except that bringing to light the disappearance of A. W. Boughard, a seaman, who was in the turret. Two seamen who were on the after deck say they saw a man's body blown through the hole in the turret into the gulf. In the excitement of the moment they made no effort to recover the body, but rushed to fire quarters when they were sounded. The real cause of the explosion probably never will be known.



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